

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2203–S2292

Measures Introduced: Six bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2218–2223, and S. Res. 417–419. **Page S2239**

Measures Reported:

S. 1237, to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–146)

H.R. 697, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in Clark County, Nevada, for the environmental remediation and reclamation of the Three Kids Mine Project Site. (S. Rept. No. 113–147)

S. 1294, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee. **Pages S2238–39**

Measures Passed:

Freedom of Press and Expression in People's Republic of China: Senate agreed to S. Res. 361, recognizing the threats to freedom of the press and expression in the People's Republic of China and urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to take meaningful steps to improve freedom of expression as fitting of a responsible international stakeholder, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S2286–87**

Reid (for Cardin) Amendment No. 2969, to make a technical correction. **Pages S2286–87**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 90, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page S2287**

Measures Considered:

Paycheck Fairness Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration to S. 2199, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex. **Pages S2203–04, S2210–30**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2287**

Appointments:

Congressional Advisers on Trade Policy and Negotiations: The Chair, in accordance with Public Law 93–618, as amended by Public Law 100–418, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, appointed the following Members of the Finance Committee as congressional advisers on trade policy and negotiations to International conferences, meetings and negotiation sessions relating to trade agreements: Senators Wyden, Rockefeller, Schumer, Hatch, and Grassley. **Page S2287**

Friedland Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S2230**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, April 10, 2014. **Page S2230**

Weil Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S2230**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Michelle T. Friedland, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S2230**

Felton Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader,

in consultation with the Republican Leader, this week, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; that there be one hour for debate, with 15 minutes under the control of the Democratic Leader, or his designee, and 45 minutes under the control of the Republican Leader, or his designee; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that no further motions be in order.

Page S2230

McSweeney Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Terrell McSweeney, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner; that there be two minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order.

Page S2230

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 71 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 102), Neil Gregory Kornze, of Nevada, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Pages S2223, S2292

Frank G. Klotz, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security.

Pages S2223, S2292

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Pages S2286, S2292

Messages from the House:

Page S2233

Measures Referred:

Page S2233

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

Pages S2203, S2233

Measures Read the First Time:

Pages S2233, S2287

Executive Communications:

Pages S2233–35

Petitions and Memorials:

Pages S2235–38

Executive Reports of Committees:

Page S2239

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages S2240–41

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Pages S2241–42

Additional Statements:

Pages S2232–33

Amendments Submitted:

Pages S2242–85

Authorities for Committees to Meet:

Page S2286

Privileges of the Floor:

Page S2286

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—102)

Page S2223

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2287.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1294, to designate as wilderness certain public land in the Cherokee National Forest in the State of Tennessee; and

The nominations of Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be Chairman, Sharon Y. Bowen, of New York, and J. Christopher Giancarlo, of New Jersey, all to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ADVANCED BIOFUELS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advanced biofuels, focusing on creating jobs and lower prices at the pump, after receiving testimony from Richard Childress, Richard Childress Racing, Welcome, North Carolina; Jan Koninckx, DuPont Industrial Biosciences, Wilmington, Delaware; Brooke Coleman, Advanced Ethanol Council, Boston, Massachusetts; Sumesh M. Arora, Innovate Mississippi, Ridgeland; and Nancy N. Young, Airlines for America, Washington, DC.

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the United States Agency for International Development, after receiving testimony from Rajiv Shah, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL, THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, AND THE OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Architect of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, and the Open World Leadership Center, after receiving testimony from Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of